

DUTIES OF SHOT CLOCK OPERATOR

The shot clock is used for the entire game, including overtime periods. The shot clock operator shall control a separate timing device with a horn that shall have a sound distinct and different from that of the game clock. An alternate timing device shall be available. In addition, the shot clock operator shall:

START when:

1. a team gains possession on a:
 - a. rebound;
 - b. jump ball;
 - c. loose ball after a rebound or jump ball;
 - d. live ball throw-in after a made basket.
2. an official signals that an inbounds player touches the ball on a throw-in.

STOP when:

1. an official's whistle sounds.

FULL RESET when there is:

1. a change of possession with a new team in control;
2. a single personal foul;
3. a single technical foul on either team;
4. a try (not a pass) hits the rim or flange, then a team possesses the ball;
5. a violation (except a kicking or fisting violation);
6. an inadvertent whistle with no team control;
7. a held ball that occurs and there is a change of team possession;
8. a tap or try that fails to hit the rim and is recovered by the opponent;
9. a try for goal that lodges between the backboard and the basket support.

RESET TO 15 SECONDS when:

1. there is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with 14 seconds or less on the shot clock.

NO RESET when:

1. the offense retains possession after the following:
 - a. a held ball;
 - b. an out-of-bounds violation.
2. the ball is intentionally kicked or fisted with 15 seconds or more on the shot clock;
3. there is an injured player;
4. a timeout is called;
5. a double foul (any type) occurs;
6. there is an inadvertent whistle with team control.

ALLOW TO RUN when:

1. during loose ball situations;
2. during a try for goal (even when try is at the wrong basket);
3. when a blocked shot remains inbounds and is recovered by the offensive team.

TURN OFF when:

1. there is a reset situation and there are less than 35 seconds remaining on the game clock.

If there is question as to whether a score was made within the shot clock period or whether a try for goal strikes the basket ring, the final decision shall be made by the game officials.